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ESI HOSPITALS/DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the number of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals/dispensaries functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of such hospitals/dispensaries are likely to be set up in the country particularly in the uncovered areas, State-wise;

(c) whether all these hospitals and dispensaries are equipped with modern medical technology/equipment and sufficient numbers of specialists, doctors, nurses alongwith the medical and paramedical staff for providing medical treatment to its subscribers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): The number of Employees State Insurance (ESI) Hospitals/Dispensaries functioning at present in the country, State-wise is at Annexure.

(b): The ESI hospitals and dispensaries are set up only in the areas where ESI Scheme is implemented and not in the uncovered areas.

(c) to (e): All ESI hospitals and dispensaries are provided equipments as per requirement and norms and standards of equipments laid down by ESI Corporation. The Specialists, doctors, nurses along with medical and Para medical staff are also provided as per the norms laid down for the purpose. Further, the filling up of the vacancies in respect of staff is an on going process.

ESIC has also taken following measures for up grading the hospitals and dispensaries :-

1. Hospital Development Committees have been constituted in all ESI Hospitals and have been given adequate administrative and financial powers for taking decisions for improvement in medical care facilities.

2. Modernization & up-gradation of hospitals by providing modern equipments for diagnostic and clinical services. To facilitate early sanction of equipments for hospitals, Senior State Medical Commissioners/State Medical Commissioners, ESIC at State level have been delegated powers to sanction equipments up to Rs.15 lakhs per unit and also to procure the equipments for State run ESI hospitals and dispensaries.

3. ESIC has formulated norms and standards for staff and equipments for smooth functioning of hospitals and dispensaries.

4. ESI Corporation has taken a decision to provide part time Specialists and part time Super Specialists in ESI hospitals wherever there is unutilized infrastructure due to non availability of specialists/super specialists, till the time the State Government fills up the vacancies.